

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Michael Alex		
Assignee:	Komag, Inc.		
Title:	A Circuit and Method for Refreshing Data Recorded At A Density Sufficiently High To Undergo Thermal Degradation		
Serial No.:	Parent – 10/213,337 which is a continuation of grandparent 09/369,646	Filing Date:	Parent – Aug 5, 2002 Grandparent -- Aug 6, 1999
Examiner:	Holder, Regina Neal	Group Art Unit:	2651
Docket No.:	KOM004-2C US		

Santa Clara, California
September 12, 2003

Mail Stop Patent Application,
Commissioner for Patents,
P.O. Box 1450,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination of the attached application on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.